

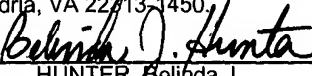
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicant submits herewith an *Information Disclosure Statement* along with the *List of Cited References* (Form PTO-1449).

References AB, AD-AF and AH listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 are incorporated by reference within the specification of the subject patent application, respectively, as follows:

US Patent No 4,090,668 (Kochenour), specification page 2, lines 7-13;

US Patent No 5,012,977 (Karklins et al), specification page 2, lines 14-19;

US Patent No 5,118,040 (Abe), specification page 2, lines 1-6;

US Patent No 5,354,965 (Lee), specification page 2, lines 20-25;

US Patent No 5,509,606 (Breithaupt et al), specification page 1, lines 25-31.

Since applicant is providing several prior art references cited in corresponding US Patent Application No 09/509,453 and corresponding International Patent Publication No WO 98/58826 (Application No PCT/US98/13023), the Examiner's attention is directed to the following table in order to simplify the complexity of cross-references.

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BC	International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER") dated 09.14.1999; corresponding PCT/US98/13023	AW

The ISR, IPER and OA with prior art references are being submitted herewith in accordance with MPEP §2001.06(a) as material to the patentability of the subject application.

Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed references and entry into the record are respectfully requested.

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